

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

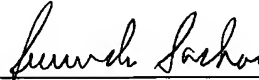
The present amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action. More specifically, in the outstanding Office Action claims 3 and 15 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were not as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. The other claims 1, 2, 4-14, and 16-20 were rejected.

In response to the indication of the allowable subject matter, claim 1 is amended to now incorporate the limitations from dependent claim 3. That is, amended independent claim 1 now corresponds to previously pending dependent claim 3 rewritten in independent form. That subject matter was noted as allowable in the outstanding Office Action. Similarly, independent claim 13 is amended to now incorporate limitations from previously pending dependent claim 15, to also recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action. The other pending claims dependent from one of now allowable independent claims 1 and 13. Thus, by the present amendment each of the claims is believed to recite allowable subject matter.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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